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O. F. GILBERT HAS LEASED N. J. HOME

Prominent Elizabeth City Merchant May Locate in New Jersey

O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's Department Store and the People's Bargain Store of this city, has leased a ten room cottage on Deal Lake at Allenhurst, N. J., and will remove his family there for the summer. It also turns out that Mr. Gilbert has taken an option on the Allenhurst property with a view to purchasing it for a permanent home, which means that Elizabeth City may lose one of its most enterprising and valuable citizens.

Asked about his Allenhurst option, Mr. Gilbert talked freely and admitted that he is thinking seriously of making that exclusive and fashionable New Jersey community his future home. He said it might be five years before he gave up his residence in this city, or it might not be so long. At the same time he has no idea of closing out his business in Elizabeth City. It is significant however that he has only a five years lease on the store which he occupies, corner Main and Folsom streets, and he probably has incurred the everlasting hatred and ill-will of his landlord, Attorney E. F. Aydtell.

Mr. Aydtell used to be O. F. Gilbert's friend. But Joe Willoughby, a colored boy in the Aydtell household was charged with robbery of Mitchell's Department store, was prosecuted by Mr. Gilbert and convicted. That aroused Mr. Aydtell's ire and Mr. Gilbert is learning that one can't despise E. F. Aydtell in this community and go unpunished. Life in Elizabeth City has become less attractive to Mr. Gilbert since he crossed his landlord. All that, however, may have little to do with Mr. Gilbert's looking elsewhere for a home. But something has made Elizabeth City less attractive to Mr. Gilbert than it formerly was.

MAY PEAS BROUGHT \$4 TO \$5 FIRST OF WEEK

And Now If Irish Potatoes Will Bring \$25 a Barrel As They Did In Florida—?

Ten refrigerator cars of May Peas will have moved from Elizabeth City to New York this week when R. C. Abbott sends two cars out to-day. Reports from cars shipped the first of the week show ready sales on the New York market at \$4 to \$5 a bushel. The large nature peas bringing the higher price.

With the largest crop of peas in years and prices holding up well, growers of peas in northeastern North Carolina will clean up thousands of dollars within the next few weeks.

Next comes the turn of the Irish potato growers and there is all sorts of furtive hoping that our growers will realize something like the high prices brought by the new potato crop in Florida. The Florida growers sold their early Irish potatoes this spring as high as \$25 to \$30 a barrel, prices that seem unbelievable to many who have followed the ups and downs of the Irish potato in this section.

A MILLION DOLLARS INVOLVED IN SALE

Mills, Timber Lands and Other Holdings of Dare Lumber Co. to Be Knocked Down June 19

Probably the longest legal notice ever published by an Elizabeth City newspaper is that of the Notice of Sale of the property of the Dare Lumber Co., appearing elsewhere in THE INDEPENDENT this week. All of the holdings of this company, valued at something like a million dollars, will be sold at auction to the high bidder, at the company's offices in Buffalo City, Dare County, on June 19, 1920.

The Sale will be made under a mortgage by the Metropolitan Trust Co., of New York City, trustee for the bond holders of the Dare Lumber Co.

To the average reader of this newspaper the Notice of Sale will appear very dry reading, but the sale itself promises much of interest to that section of Dare County in which the woods of the of the Dare Lumber Co. are located, and Elizabeth City where its main offices and mills are located.

Hon. W. A. Worth, of Elizabeth City is attorney for the Trustee and has charge of the details of the advertisement and sale of the property.

THEY HAD A FIGHT

Capt. Ike W. Williams and D. R. Menden got into a row over a mess of salt herrings Monday evening and engaged in one of the liveliest and bloodiest fist battles ever pulled off in the new City Market. It was no Saunders-Caldwell affair; both men fought with the determination of doing or dying and both came out of the fray with bloody noses, back eyes and swollen faces. Capt. Williams was fined \$10 and costs in Recorder's Court. The Court held doubtful evidence of guilt in the case of Mr. Menden and he was not fined. His plea was self defense. Capt. Williams testified that Mr. Menden called him a liar first, but couldn't prove it.

MISS EMILY SEYMOUR

Miss Emily Seymour, age 63 years, was taken suddenly ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. D. D. Dudley on North Second St., Monday afternoon and died Tuesday night. The funeral was conducted at the home Thursday afternoon.

WINS WITH BOTH HIS HEAD AND HIS HEART



W. R. WILLIAMS

WHO says nobody loves a fat man. Here then is our old friend Billie Williams loved and married. He was married in Richmond, Va. on Saturday, May 1 and the bride was Miss Kathryn Edmonds, a charming young woman of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will make their home in Portland, Ore. where Mr. Williams is located as Superintendent of the Portland District of the Western Union Telegraph Co. Mr. Williams is a son of Deputy U. S. Marshall John R. Williams of this city. He came to Elizabeth City from Murfreesboro in 1900. In 1908, at the age of 16, he entered the employ of the Western Union in this city and rose to the position of manager of the office here. In 1915 he was transferred to the Norfolk office, was promoted to the Chief Clerkship of the Richmond office the same year and was later promoted to the Washington, D. C. office. He subsequently became the manager of the Washington office, at that time the most important telegraph office in the world. He was transferred to the Portland, Ore. district after the signing of the Armistice. He has the distinction of being the youngest Superintendent in the Western Union service. In addition to his Western Union connection, he is a member of the following clubs and business organizations: Portland Rotary Club, Portland Ad Club, Commercial Club, Chamber of Commerce, Portland Rifle Club, Portland Golf Club and the Foreign Commerce Club.

MRS. PRICHARD HAVING HARD LUCK WITH AUTO

Mrs. Jennie Prichard, driving a new seven passenger Paige Sedan, got the accelerator mixed up with the brake pedal while turning from Main into Poinsett street, Tuesday morning. The car got away from her and dashed into the side wall of the McCabe & Grice store, smashing a front fender, breaking a spring, bending the front axle and doing other minor damage. No one was injured.

This was Mrs. Prichard's third accident within a few days. A few days ago she broke up a buggy for a man in Camden county. In Tuesday's accident she smashed the fenders of H. G. Kramer's car. Fortunately she carried a policy with Culpepper, Griffin, Old & Grice Co. which takes care of the damages to others.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS RECEIVE CASH PRIZES

First Prize in Pan American Life's Essay Contest Awarded Miss Helen Morgan

The Norfolk Agency of the Pan-American Life Insurance Company of New Orleans has recently awarded cash prizes to the amount of fifty dollars to pupils of Fork and Newland High Schools in this county for the best essays written on "The Value and Importance of Life Insurance." The contest was launched some time ago, the company furnishing the necessary printed matter to acquaint the pupils with the subject in hand. There has been keen interest in the contest from the beginning but of course only three could win. The first prize was for \$25.00 which was won by Miss Helen Morgan of Fork High School. Miss Inez Jones of Newland High School won the second prize of \$15.00, while the third prize of \$10.00 was secured by Miss Hattie Carter of Fork High School. Professors Pool and Johnson, principals of these two schools took advantage of the opportunity by making the contest really a course in Life Insurance. All the essays were good evidencing careful study on the part of each pupil.

The Pan-American, through their Educational Department, is planning to put on campaigns of this kind throughout the country in order that the public may become better informed as to the value and importance of life insurance.

The essay of Miss Morgan which won first prize is published elsewhere in this issue.

WOODARD-TATE

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Pauline Tate daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tate of Coinjock, N. C. to Elmer Raymond Woodard of Norfolk, Va. at the Baptist Church at Coinjock, N. C. Sunday June 6th, 2 P. M.

If you would see the last word in straws and panamas for the season of 1920 see the Spencer Company's line, the new men's wear store, in the Hinton Block, opposite the Y. M. C. A.—adv.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE IS WEAK

Few Solicitors At Work and Public Showing Too Little Interest

Elizabeth City is not making its usual good showing in response to the Salvation Army drive for funds which started Monday, May 10. Similar reports are coming from other cities and Elizabeth City will have to prolong its drive to secure anything like its quota.

The Salvation Army is asking the entire country for ten million dollars, that being the estimate amount required for all Salvation Army work in the United States for the next twelve months. The Salvation Army has adopted the annual drive for funds as a method of raising money instead of its old method of passing the tambourine. Raising all the money for its annual needs in a lump sum enables the Army to give all its time to relief work and missions, whereas more than half the time of its workers used to be taken up in holding street meetings and passing the tambourine.

SAYS BRICK ROADS ARE THE ROADS TO BUILD

Mr. Lambert Who Travels All Sorts of Roads Is Strong for Brick

W. R. Lambert, manager of the Betsy Motor Co., is convinced that Pasquotank is making no mistake in building roads of brick. Mr. Lambert is of this conviction after having made repeated trips to automobile manufacturing centers in the middle west. He says everywhere he has gone he has found brick roads being built where asphalt or Tarmac roads had worn out. He says wherever he finds brick roads he finds the people satisfied with their roads. "And I want to tell you," says Mr. Lambert, "It makes me hot when I get back home and hear some of our folks cursing because we are putting down brick roads in Pasquotank. I have traveled a good deal this spring, thru a country that has good roads, and the roads everybody bets on are the brick roads. A brick road properly built will last three times as long as any asphalt and doesn't cost anything like as much."

CADETS WANTED FOR THE U. S. COAST GUARD

Competitive Examination Open to Men 18 to 24 Years Old, July 12

The U. S. Coast Guard announces a competitive examination, commencing July 12, 1920, for appointment of cadets and cadet engineers, which is an exceptional opportunity for young men of the right caliber to complete their education and receive special training at Government expense and to become commissioned officers in the U. S. Coast Guard, one of the military services of the United States.

Age limits, for appointments as cadet are, 18 to 24 years; and for appointment as cadet engineers, 20 to 25 years. Cadets and cadet engineers are trained to become commissioned officers of the Coast Guard at the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn. Each summer the cadets are taken on an extended cruise, which have included visits to ports in Nova Scotia, West Indies, the Canal Zone, and when conditions permitted, European ports. (The cruise this year extends to the channel ports of France and England.)

Cadets receive the same pay and allowances as midshipmen in the Navy (\$600 per annum and one ration per day). Cadet engineers receive \$75 per month and one ration per day.

A circular giving full information about the examination may be obtained by writing to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C. Any special information relative to the Academy or the Service will be furnished upon request.

CITY SCHOOLS CLOSE

Elizabeth City's Public Schools close next week, the final exercises being held Wednesday, May 26 to Friday, May 28. The Seniors will present a three-act play, "Wanted, a Chaplain," Wednesday night.

—Miss Ivie Rogers, the 19 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rogers of Trinity Heights, and a student of Trinity College is in Watts hospital as a result of a serious automobile accident. Miss Rogers together with W. T. Thompson and Miss Lorena Lyon was on her way to church last Sunday, when they were caught in a net work of automobiles while trying to cross a street. Miss Rogers was unable to escape and was struck by an automobile driven by Oren Holmes.

—Warrants thick and fast in Wilson on May 13th, were sworn out. Prof. C. L. Coon, Supt. of Public Instruction of Wilson county, swore out a warrant for Pierre, the 14 year old son of Mr. C. L. Perry, for the alleged larceny of thrift stamps, etc. Prof. Coon it is alleged, slapped young Perry while he was in the custody of Police Warren and the policeman warned the educator that if he did not keep hands off the boy while he was in custody, he would have a warrant sworn out for him. Mr. Perry hearing of the predicament of his son and the treatment he had received at the hands of Coon, rushed to Coon's office and proceeded to give him a good sound thrashing and then went to police headquarters and gave himself up. Coon proceeded to get out a warrant for Perry. In meantime the grand jury being in session, found a true bill against both Coon and Perry.

NEW GRAND MASTER OF THE N. C. ODD FELLOWS



D. H. TILLITT

D. H. TILLITT was born in Camden County, N. C. near Shiloh, on the 25th day of April, 1883, the son of G. M. and Bettie F. Tillitt. He was educated in the Public Schools of his county, at Whitsett Institute and Wake Forest College. He was admitted to the practice of the law in 1909 after a course of study at Wake Forest College. He represented Camden County in the Lower House of the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1907 and 1913. In the extra session of 1908, he was the youngest member being at that time only 24 years of age. He was County Judge of the Recorder's Court of his county from January, 1914 to December, 1914. He is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church and is Superintendent of the Sunday School. During the War with Germany he was Food Administrator, Chairman of the Council of Defense, Soldier's Business Aid Committee, Legal Advisory Board, Four Minute Men, United States Public Service Reserves, and Chief Clerk to the local Board. He aided in all the Red Cross drives and Y. M. C. A. and United War Work campaigns. Mr. Tillitt in the session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in Wilmington in 1918, was unanimously elected Grand Warden; Deputy Grand Master at the session in 1919 in Asheville and Grand Master in Gastonia at the session of the Grand Lodge in session this week. Mr. Tillitt joined the lodge of Odd Fellows when he was 21 years of age, soon went through the chairs and then to the Grand Lodge. He takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to good morals, good roads, good schools, fraternity and Religion. He is a bachelor at this writing.

Stella Copeland, a young white woman, accused of disorderly conduct was to have been sent to the state's home for fallen women. Young Riddick, a mere youth in appearance, told Judge Geo. J. Spence that he would marry the girl if Judge Spence would release her and dismiss the charges against her. Spite of the girl's long police court record, and spite of the youth of the boy, Judge Spence encouraged the match and gave the pair married. The Copeland girl stayed with her youthful husband about as long as Pat stayed in the army. Riddick says she told him he was no good and she was going to look for a "real man."

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ELIZABETH CITY HAS \$12,000,000 PROPERTY

Revaluation Will Show Us What Nearly Three Times What We Swore We Were Worth

Elizabeth City's material values as represented by the Revaluation of all real and personal property soon to be made public, will be, in round numbers, twelve million dollars. The value of all real and personal property in Pasquotank county, in and out of Elizabeth City, is in round numbers nineteen million dollars.

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"A Business Man for Governor"

Hon. Robert N. Page
Candidate for the Democratic
Nomination for Governor
WILL SPEAK

—New Weeksville, at 4 P. M.

—and at—

—Elizabeth City, in the Court-

house, at 8 P. M.

FRIDAY, May 28, 1920

"As a Business Man, I shall make efficiency and economy in both State and County Government a chief purpose of my Administration."

You are cordially invited to hear Mr. Page discuss the questions vitally affecting all North Carolinians.

Ladies Especially Welcome
CHAS. ROSS,
State Manager Page Campaign

GOT HER OUT OF JAIL AND THEN OST HER

Incidentally, Poor Little Riddick is Now Serving 30 Days on County Chain Gang

Serving 30 days on the Pasquotank chain gang is the woeful plight of G. D. Riddick, a youth of 21 years, who took the downward path about two months ago when he took a bride from the Pasquotank County jail.

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A FARMER'S CANDIDATE FOR THE STATE SENATE



DR. E. J. GRIFFIN

DR. E. J. GRIFFIN, of Edenton, candidate for the State Senate, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary of June 5, is the type of man who makes a strong appeal to the religious element and to the farmer. He has lived and labored among the farmers of Northampton, Hertford, Gates and Chowan counties until he knows the farmers and their problems better than any other man soliciting their support for the office of State Senator. Dr. Griffin comes of a family of farmers and his father, Dr. Griffin and Overman families on his father's side, from the Durant's Neek section of Perquimans county. On his mother's side he comes from the Baughman and Blanchard families of Northampton. His ancestors on both sides were Baptists and Quakers and he inherits all the religious zeal of his Quaker forbears. Dr. Griffin is a consistent and enthusiastic friend of education and good roads. In his own county he has been identified with every farmer's co-operative movement and in recent months has saved the farmers of his county thousands of dollars in co-operative purchases of peanut bags, nitrate of soda, etc.

HIS ONLY SURVIVING RELATIVE IN ENGLAND

W. P. Knowles Leaves Bulk of His Estate to Niece in Old Country; C. W. Melick, the Executor

C. W. Melick is named the executor in will of W. P. Knowles, of this city who died in a Norfolk hospital Monday following an operation for a stomach disorder.

Knowles died leaving only one living relative, a niece whose home is in Peterborough, England. To her he left the bulk of his estate, consisting of his home on Martin St. and a plumbing establishment containing valuable tools and materials. His library of several hundred volumes he bequeathed to the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford, N. C. As tokens of his appreciation of the friendship of Mr. and Mrs. Cam W. Melick, he bequeathed a beautiful set of flags of the Allies and a number of valuable pictures to Mrs. Melick, and his gold watch to Mr. Melick.

Knowles was a native of England and was 54 years old. He came to Elizabeth City about 18 years ago prospecting for a home. He got the job of plumbing for the Southern Hotel which was then being remodeled and he continued his stay here. His wife, a refined and cultured woman died about two years ago leaving him alone in the world. The shock of her death is believed to have undermined his health.

The remains of the deceased were interred in Hollywood Cemetery with Masonic honors, Tuesday afternoon.

E. S. WILLEY DEAD

E. S. Willey, founder of Willey's Marine Railways and the man who made Elizabeth City a shipbuilding town, died at his home on Road St. in this city Wednesday night, following a long illness. He is survived by his wife and one son, Howard Willey. He was 73 years old. Further particulars could not be obtained in time for publication in this issue.

EVEN ROAD BUILDING IS GETTING CHEAPER

Three weeks ago the State Highway Commission offered three construction projects to contractors in this State, and received no bids. Tentative prices named for the work were deemed out of reason. Yesterday the Commission offered three projects to contractors and 14 of them offered bids for the work, and at prices approximately 20 per cent under the tentative price three weeks ago.

State Highway Commissioner Frank Page said yesterday that he regarded the results of the bidding as the beginning of a definite end towards lower prices, not only in highway construction but in the cost of living generally. A year from now, he asserted, the State could build roads at a reasonable price, and for the money expended get a road that pay the tax payers to build.

S. R. SIFF CO. TO VACATE

The S. R. Siff Co. began a sensational sale yesterday with a view to closing out or greatly reducing their stocks to make room for the Savings Bank & Trust Co. The store occupied by S. R. Co. is to be remodeled at once to provide quarters for the bank. The store was crowded to its capacity with eager shoppers when the sale started yesterday.

WANTED:—Two white waitresses, experience unnecessary, prefer middle aged women. Room and board and good wages. Write or wire D. M. MILES, Mgr. New Carolina Hotel, Belhaven, N. C. c may 21-1t

CHAUTAUQUA TO BE HERE JUNE 1

Unusually High Class and Entertaining Program Secured For This Season

Several lectures of unusual interest and the Belgian's Veterans Band will be the features of this year's Chautauqua program. D. Thomas Curtis lectures on "Behind The Scenes in Europe"; Edward Amherst Ott lectures on "Victory"; Belvin W. Maynard, the famous "Flying Parson" will lecture on "The Motor Troubles of Society."

There are a number of splendid musical numbers on this year's program. Gabriel Hines, the well-known musical composer himself will appear in a recital, using his own Steinway piano which has to be transported from town to town in a special truck. The Belgian Veterans' Band will appear on the third day in two concerts.

An event of unusual interest on this year's program is a concert and entertainment by a company of Chinese young men and women who are being educated in American universities. These Chinese young people will appear in their native costumes in a play depicting the life and customs of the Chinese people.

Chautauqua begins Tuesday, June 1, concluding Monday, June 7. The Chautauqua tent will be pitched on the High School grounds. Season tickets this year are \$2.50 and the demand already is such that those who desire season tickets should engage them early.

LEFT CIRCUS LIFE TO MAKE HIS HOME HERE

Arthur Wooten, Clarinet Player With Main's Circus, Says This Town Looks Good

Walter L. Main's Circus which showed in Elizabeth City last week advertised here for help. Instead of taking labor away from the city the circus left a man here. Arthur Wooten, clarinet player in the circus band, liked the looks of Elizabeth City after seeing the town from the top of the big band wagon in the course of the parade. He decided to stay in Elizabeth City. Being an efficient electrician as well as a clarinet player he had no trouble in getting a position with the Elizabeth City Electric Light Company, and he is playing the clarinet in the Alkrama orchestra nights. Mr. Wooten is from Spartanburg, S. C.

HELD FOR MURDER COMMITTED MARCH, 1916

Bruce Long Wanted Here For Murder of Cicero White Told His Past to a Woman

Bruce Long, one of two men wanted for the murder of Cicero White in this city on Mar. 8, 1916, is in Pasquotank county jail this week, bound over from Recorder's Court to the September term of Superior Court. Long was apprehended in Elizabeth, N. J. a few days ago. He made the mistake of telling the history of his past to a woman in that city and then had a quarrel with the woman. She got revenge by telling the police about him.

Cicero White was a drayman, a hard-working and respected Negro. On the night of Mar. 8, 1916 he had an altercation with Bruce Long and Fred Sykes. Long knocked him down with a pop bottle and Fred Sykes stabbed him with a knife. White never recovered from the blow from the bottle. Long and Sykes fled. It is believed that Sykes is also somewhere in the vicinity of Elizabeth, N. J. and will also be apprehended.

ELIZABETH CITY WILL CELEBRATE JULY FOURTH

Chamber of Commerce Already Planning—Taylor Grandy New President of That Body

Elizabeth City will have its usual Fourth of July celebration this year and will not wait till the last minute to make arrangements for its big time. The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce have authorized the appointment of a committee of 12 members to plan this year's celebration. The names of the committee will be announced in a few days.

Taylor Grandy, president of N. G. Grandy & Co., is the new president of the Chamber of Commerce. He has at all times been one of the most enthusiastic, most liberal and hard working members of the organization and will make an able executive. Other new officers elected this week are Dr. A. L. Pendleton, first vice-president; Geo. F. Seyffert, second vice president; J. C. Sawyer, treasurer; L. D. Case, Secretary.

WE BEG YOUR PARDON

An unexpected rush of advertising for this week's issue of THE INDEPENDENT has crowded every column and forced us to omit many news items and special features as well as a number of new advertisements.

JOHN H. SMALL HERE

Congressman John H. Small was in Elizabeth City yesterday mingling with his friends and supporters.

NOTICE!

To the Postmasters of Currituck: Each of you are invited,